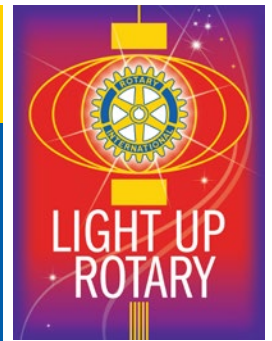


ROTARY SPOKES

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Member Spotlights: Steve Dato and Duane Georgeson

Today's program is the ever-popular Member Spotlights where we learn more about our members.

Steve Dato was born and raised in La Mirada, CA. He attended UCSB, majoring in Biology. There he also met his wife of ten years, who is a kindergarten teacher in Oxnard. He has two children: daughter Allie (9) and son Scotty (5) both attending Elmhurst Elementary School. Steve serves as Vice President of the Elmhurst PTA. He is also Vice-Chair of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee.



Steve loves to cook and is a bit of a foodie. He is a huge LA Kings Hockey Fan and is the coach of his son's AYSO Soccer team.

He'll be speaking about Promotional Marketing and why it works.

Duane Georgeson and Lynne, his wife of 43 years, have been residents of Ventura since 1993. They have two daughters and three grandchildren living in California and one married daughter with two children living in Florida.

Prior to coming to Ventura, they lived in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles where Duane had a variety of management positions with the Los Angeles Water System and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Since moving to Ventura, Duane has worked as a Water Resources Consultant focusing primarily on water and power issues related to the State Water Project.

The annual summer family get-together at places such as San Diego, Mammoth Lakes and Hawaii is one of the highlights of every year.

Clean Water Amid Bloody Civil War in South Sudan



Despite almost impassable terrain and the outbreak of a violent civil war, Rotary clubs in South Sudan and Wisconsin, USA, are determined to bring clean water to one of the most remote areas of the East African country.

The Rotary Clubs of Wausau, Wisconsin, USA, and Juba, South Sudan, are developing a sustainable source of water for 10 rural mountainous villages in Tendet Boma, Eastern Equatoria. The two clubs secured a \$47,000 Rotary Foundation global grant to drill a deep borehole and install solar-powered water pumps and a 5,000-gallon reservoir. The water source will benefit almost 14,000 people.

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Meeting Recap of March 11

Ellyn Dembowski began the meeting with a quote on civil rights. Staci Johnson, RoseAnn Hill and Clyde Reynolds had us learning more of the 'Rotary' song.

Rotaractor James Panagoti introduced the club to the One Family One Restaurant program that directs excess restaurant food to Foodshare.

Steve Dato shared thank-you letters from students of Elmhurst Elementary School, for the dictionaries we distributed last year.

Scott Patterson fined on all things Disneyland, while Ed Summers listed a variety of memorable instances during his Rotary Moment.

Program

Speaker Mary Anne Rooney is a port commissioner with the Oxnard Harbor District. The District's policies are set by a five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners elected at large from the District. The district oversees the Port of Huenene which is a facility they share with the military. It is one of eleven ports in California and, despite its small size, is a high volume facility.

The port employs over 2,300 and influences another 10,000 jobs in the region.

California accounts for 40% of imports into the US and 30% of its exports. Imports at the Port of Hueneme include bananas, fertilizer and fruit. A high value commodity handled at the Port of Hueneme includes the import and export of automobiles and other rolling stock. Automobiles make up the greatest percentage of the District's ocean freight operating revenue.

Ongoing efforts to improve the port include deepening the port to accommodate larger ships, focusing on environmental sustainability and reworking the electrical systems.

The port works to maximize turn-around times to increase the volume of ships served.

Today's Program

Member Spotlights with Steve Dato and Duane Georgeson

Introductions:	Erik Feingold
Rotary Moment:	Brenda Allison
Fining:	Dan Holmes

Future Programs

Apr 01	Dave Berg, Author
Apr 08	Ventura Food Co-Op
Apr 15	Ventura County District Attorney



Lynda Girtsman and President Rob van Nieuwburg at the dais.



Guest Speaker Mary Anne Rooney updates us on the Oxnard Harbor District.



Rotaractor James Panagoti announces the One Family One Restaurant program.



Ed Summers listed several Rotary Moments during his time with the club.



Scott Patterson fined on "the Happiest Place on Earth."



Steve Dato showd kid's letters of appreciation for the Dictionary project.



Club members sit attentively follow the program.

South Sudan

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While the violence is concentrated at the border of the country, the comparatively peaceful interior regions still suffer from economic insecurity and a dilapidated infrastructure. With almost no government assistance, these remote areas contend with acute waterborne diseases and famine.

“The civil war has shot the economy,” says Wisconsin Rotary member John Kelly, who has traveled to South Sudan for years with Willamette International, an organization that improves health care and education in rural communities. “It’s affecting so many people. Even if you’re not directly involved in the violence, the war has destabilized almost everyone’s lives.”

The project is not without its roadblocks, both literally and figuratively. Only one road connects the cluster of villages on the steep northeast side of the Lopit Mountains to the nearest developed community. It’s a three-day walk for many villagers. During the country’s rainy season, between May and October, it’s almost impossible to get construction materials and relief aid up the mountain, which exacerbates the ongoing humanitarian crisis. “You can’t move anything in the area. The terrain is too wet and dangerous,” says Kelly.

Getting to these vulnerable populations has been a challenge amid the fighting. Many areas are off-limits to aid agencies, says Mathach Deng, a member of the Rotary Club of Juba. Juba club members are working with tribal elders in the area, who carry influence with government and rebel leaders, to gain passage to the area. “The people in these areas want and need this water project to continue. Educating the tribe leaders on the importance of this project is key to getting this project complete,” Deng says.

After successfully claiming independence in 2011, South Sudan, the world’s newest country, descended into violence in December 2013, dashing hopes that it would soon become a prosperous, self-governing nation. The country’s two predominant tribes, the Dinka and Nuer, are fighting over land and resources, a conflict that dates back to the 19th century.


Tens of thousands have already been killed in the gruesome war, which has also displaced almost 1.8 million people. On 2 February the two sides signed a fourth peace deal since the hostilities began. The previous three agreements signed by the government and rebels were broken quickly.

New Member Proposals

The following is proposed for membership:
Martin Armstrong, proposed by Steve Doll with classification of “Landscape Architecture.”

If you have any objection to membership of this individual in our club, please contact the President or Secretary in writing within 7 days.

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| March Birthdays | Ann Deal, Mar 24 |
| RoseAnn Hill, Mar 03 | Steve Doll, Mar 27 |
| Sarah Abrams, Mar 04 | Marc T. Vertin, Mar 27 |
| Ed Campbell, Mar 09 | Mario de la Piedra, Mar 30 |
| Ellyn Dembowski, Mar 10 | |
| Felice Ginsberg, Mar 10 | March Anniversaries |
| Laurie Rozet, Mar 10 | Larry Emrich, Mar 21 |
| BJ Jelaca, Mar 16 | Tom Naylor, Mar 25 |
| Terri Schiavone, Mar 24 | |



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